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For: OPTICAL APPARATUS FOR
RECORDING/REPRODUCING AND
READING/REPRODUCING DATA ON
AN OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM,
AND METHOD FOR USING SAME (As
Amended)

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Dear Sir:

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